

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Justification and Approval (J&A)  
For  
Other Than Full and Open Competition (>\$150K)**

1. **Contracting Activity:** NCO 12, Great Lakes Acquisition Center, Milwaukee WI  
556-15-1-7446-0005
  
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** This procurement is for Hologic Testing Reagents in accordance with FAR 13.5 Test Program for Certain Commercial Items and specifically FAR 13.501 Special Documentation Requirements, where acquisitions conducted under Simplified Acquisition Procedures are exempt from the requirements of FAR Part 6, but still require a justification using the format of FAR 6.303-2.
  
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Reagent Test Kits, Collection Devices and related supplies for the Gen-Probe Aptima DTS 800 Testing Instrument.  
Aptima Combo2 Assay, part# 301032, 144 boxes  
Aptima Combo2 Collection, part# 301040, 216 boxes  
Aptima Combo2 Swab Collection, part# 301041, 60 boxes  
Aptima Combo2 Auto Detect, part# 301048, 60 boxes  
Ten Tube Uni eSAS, part# 104578 & TU0022  
  
Total estimated dollar value \$182,670.00  
POP: 11/1/2014 – 10/31/2015 (Twelve months)
  
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**  
(X ) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
  
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** Hologic is the sole manufacturer and distributor of the items being requested. No other manufacturer is able to provide these items. FHCC currently has these instruments in place to test Naval Recruits. The Hologic instrument is a closed system and only the Aptima Combo Assay kits can be used with this Aptima Combo Assay testing instruments.
  
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** A search was conducted of the VA Pharmaceutical Catalog, VA Medical/Surgical Catalog, Google search engine and FPDS-NG. All searches resulted with the same manufacturer as being source of supply: Hologic. These items are not available on FSS.

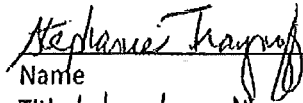
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** These items were previously purchased via contract: N00189-08-C-Z070 – FISC Norfolk, Philadelphia, PA. The contract was a base plus four options years from 10/1/2008 – 9/30/2014, as well as the FY2014 pricing stated below. It is anticipated that the contractor will propose the same prices for FY2015 which have been determined reasonable.

	Contract#					PO#	
	N00189-08-C-Z070					556-A40057	Estimate
Part#	Base	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	FY2014	FY2015
301032	\$1075.00	\$1075.00	\$1130.00	\$1130.00	\$1130.00	\$1130.00	\$1130.00
301040	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$62.50
301041	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$62.50
301048	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
104578	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TU0022	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

These items are delivered on a monthly bases. Hologic has completed this task successfully for the past six years without interruption of issues.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** A search was conducted of the VA Pharmaceutical Catalog, VA Medical/Surgical Catalog, Google search engine and FPDS-NG. All searches resulted with the same manufacturer as being source of supply: Hologic. These items are not available on FSS.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** These tests are conducted on the naval recruits that are on a strict timeline. It is imperative that this timeline not be interrupted.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** None.
11. **A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:** The testing equipment currently used at FHCC is old and becoming out dated. FHCC intends to acquire new equipment with associated reagents/consumables within the next year. This is projected to be competed.

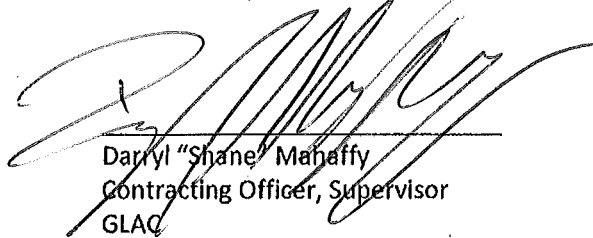
12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Name  
Title Laboratory Manager  
Facility Lovell FHCC

Nov. 7, 2014  
Date

13. Approvals in accordance with the VHAPM, Volume 6, Chapter VI: OFOC SOP

- a. Contracting Officer's Certification (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Darryl "Shane" Mahaffy  
Contracting Officer, Supervisor  
GLAC

11/7/2014  
Date

- b. Director of Contracting /Designee (Required \$150K and above): I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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Christine Hansen  
NCO/PCO 12 Director of Contracting or Designee  
Facility

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Date